



# North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/01/2018 and 31/03/2018

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Police Forces across the country are required by the Home Office to issue details of the number of times officers have used force in the course of their duties.

The requirement is aimed at increasing transparency and providing greater reassurance to the public that force, when used is proportionate, lawful, accountable and necessary in the circumstances.

Total Instances of Force being used by NWP officers in the period:

**467**

## When? - Likely weekdays and times officers have used force for the period.

	00:00 to 00:59	01:00 to 01:59	02:00 to 02:59	03:00 to 03:59	04:00 to 04:59	05:00 to 05:59	06:00 to 06:59	07:00 to 07:59	08:00 to 08:59	09:00 to 09:59	10:00 to 10:59	11:00 to 11:59	12:00 to 12:59	13:00 to 13:59	14:00 to 14:59	15:00 to 15:59	16:00 to 16:59	17:00 to 17:59	18:00 to 18:59	19:00 to 19:59	20:00 to 20:59	21:00 to 21:59	22:00 to 22:59	23:00 to 23:59
Mon	6	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	1	2	1	4	1	2	4	8	1	1	4	0	4	3
Tue	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	2	5	3	4	2	7	1	0	1	4	1	1	10	2
Wed	2	4	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	3	1	0	0	3	2	4	2	1	0	0
Thu	9	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	5	2	4	8	3	2	2	4	0	2	7	8
Fri	5	4	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	2	1	2	5	0	7	3	0	4	7	7	5
Sat	13	12	11	7	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	8	3	1	2	0	4	1	6	9	8	7	6	16
Sun	16	2	6	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	6	1	2	3	2	5

## Where? - Typical locations where force has been used during the period.

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
FLINTSHIRE	107	22.91%
DENBIGHSHIRE	91	19.49%
WREXHAM	81	17.34%
GWYNEDD	80	17.13%
CONWY	75	16.06%
ANGLESEY	33	7.07%
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	27
Flint Coleshill	18
Holywell Central	14
Brynyffynnon	11
Grosvenor	11
Cadnant	9
Connah's Quay Central	9
Rhyl South West	9
Bodelwyddan	8
Flint Oakenholt	8
Holywell West	8
Tudno	8

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	102
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	41
Dwelling	71
Unknown Location	222

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## Impact Factors

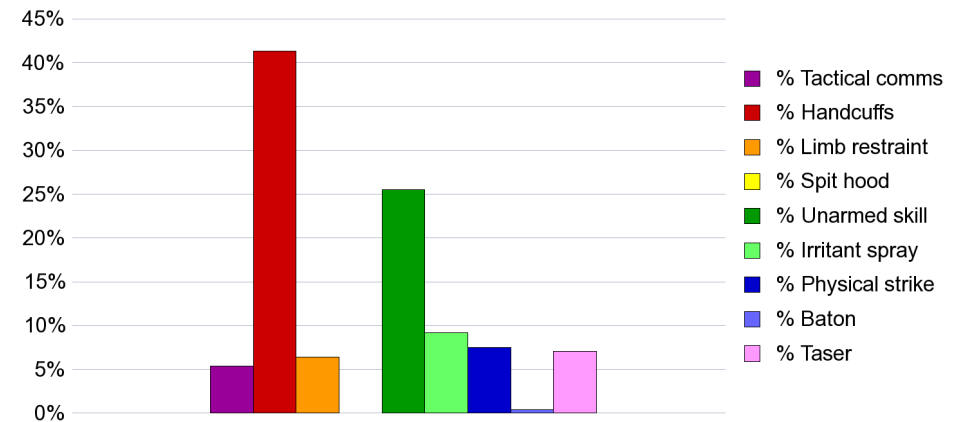
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	204	43.7%
Drugs	85	18.2%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	119	25.5%

## Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	25	5.4%
Restraint	398	85.2%
- Handcuffs	193	41.3%
- Limb restraint	30	6.4%
- Spit hood		-
Unarmed skills	119	25.5%
Irritant spray	43	9.2%
Physical Strike	35	7.5%
Baton	2	0.4%
Taser	33	7.1%

A single occurrence can have multiple impact factors, behaviours, and tactics used by officers.

Common tactics used during use of force occurrences



## How was irritant spary used?

How was spray used	Total
Deployed	38
Unspecified	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

## How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	1
Angle drive stun	1
Drawn	7
Fired	6
Red dot	15
Unspecified	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

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## Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	135
Aggressive resistance	137
Compliant	135
Hist - Verbal resistance/gestures	8
Passive resistance	39
Serious/aggravated resistance	12
	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	62
Subject injured	20
Subject required treatment	2

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Unspecified	Total
1. Under 11 years	0	1	0	1
2. 11-17 years	10	19	0	29
3. 18-34 years	38	189	0	227
4. 35-49 years	12	72	0	84
5. 50-65 years	8	18	0	26
6. 65 and over	0	1	0	1
7. Unknown	0	0	99	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>467</b>

Age and gender profile of use of force subjects in the period

